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| Y 000 | <p>Initial Comments</p> <p>This Statement of Deficiencies was generated as a result of the annual state licensure survey and complaint investigation conducted at your facility on April 16, 2008.</p> <p>The survey was conducted using Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 449, Residential Facility for Groups Regulations, adopted by the Nevada State Board of Health on July 14, 2006.</p> <p>The facility was licensed for a 8 total beds.</p> <p>The facility had the following endorsement: Residential facility which provides care to persons who are elderly and disabled. Residential facility which provides care to persons who have mental illness. Category 2 residents.</p> <p>The census at the time of the survey was 7.</p> <p>The following complaints were investigated:</p> <p>Complaint #NV14847 - Unsubstantiated Complaint #NV14802 - Unsubstantiated Complaint #NV15629 - Substantiated (See TAG Y 569) Complaint #NV17112 - Unsubstantiated Complaint #NV13721 - Unsubstantiated</p> <p>The findings and conclusions of any investigation by the Health Division shall not be construed as prohibiting any criminal or civil investigations, actions or other claims for relief that may be available to any party under applicable federal, state, or local laws.</p> <p>The following regulatory deficiencies were identified:</p> | Y 000 | | |

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| Y 175 SS=F | <p>449.209(4)(b) Health and Sanitation-Hazards</p> <p>NAC 449.209</p> <p>4. To the extent practicable, the premises of the facility must be kept free from:</p> <p>(b) Hazards, including obstacles that impede the free movement of residents within and outside the facility.</p> <p>This Regulation is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, the facility failed to ensure the premises were kept free from hazards.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>Observation</p> <p>On 4/16/08 in the morning, the coffee can container designated as an ashtray in the back yard was filled with cigarette butts, used paper, and tissues, posing a potential fire safety hazard.</p> <p>On 4/16/08 in the morning, there was a slippery rug in the hallway, posing a potential slipping hazard for residents.</p> <p>Severity: 2 Scope: 3</p> | Y 175 | | |
| Y 569 SS=D | <p>449.267(3) Money and Property of Residents</p> <p>NAC 449.262</p> <p>3. Unless a resident otherwise requests in writing, all money in excess of \$400.00 held by the facility on behalf of the resident must be maintained in a financial institution in an account separate from the facility's operating accounts and must be clearly designated as such.</p> | Y 569 | | |

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| Y 569 | <p>Continued From page 2</p> <p>This Regulation is not met as evidenced by: Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to ensure that money held on behalf of 1 resident was maintained in a separate account of a financial institution (Resident #2).</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>Resident #2</p> <p>Record Review</p> <p>Resident #2 was admitted on 12/22/04 with diagnoses including Vascular Dementia, Cerebral Vascular Accident, Ataxia, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, and Hypothyroidism.</p> <p>On 4/16/08 in the morning, the written documentation maintained by the administrator of the trust account stated, "As of 2008, (balance of) \$1,691.47". There was a copy of the bank account information in the account records indicating the resident's trust account was maintained in a bank account with the facility's business name.</p> <p>Interview</p> <p>On 4/16/08 in the morning, the administrator verified Resident #2's trust account funds have been held in the facility's bank account since the resident's admission. Upon questioning regarding why the trust account funds were not held in a separate bank account and accumulating interest under the resident's name, the administrator stated, "He is not able to sign his own name or go to the bank. I take care of it for him. Besides, he would only get 3% compounded interest, what's</p> | Y 569 | | | |

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| Y 569 | Continued From page 3 the big deal. I take him to lunch sometimes." On 4/16/08 in the morning, Resident #2 was alert and oriented to person, place, and time. Resident #2 stated he was not aware he had a trust account. Resident #2 stated he only had Social Security income monthly, with no other supplementary income or savings. Resident #2 further stated he was interested in accessing his money, that he was able to go to the bank and to sign his own name. Severity: 2 Scope: 1 Complaint #NV15629 | Y 569 | | |
| Y 936 | 449.2749(1)(e) Resident file NAC 449.2749 1. A separate file must be maintained for each resident of a residential facility and retained for at least 5 years after he permanently leaves the facility. The file must be kept locked in a place that is resistant to fire and is protected against unauthorized use. The file must contain all records, letters, assessments, medical information and any other information related to the resident, including without limitation: (e) Evidence of compliance with the provisions of chapter 441A of NRS and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto. This Regulation is not met as evidenced by: NAC 441A.380 Admission of persons to certain medical facilities, facilities for the dependent or homes for individual residential care: Testing; respiratory isolation; medical treatment; counseling and preventive treatment; documentation. (NRS 441A.120) | Y 936 | | |

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| Y 936 | Continued From page 4 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, before admitting a person to a medical facility for extended care, skilled nursing or intermediate care, the staff of the facility shall ensure that a chest radiograph of the person has been taken within 30 days preceding admission to the facility. 2. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the staff of a facility for the dependent, a home for individual residential care or a medical facility for extended care, skilled nursing or intermediate care shall: (a) Before admitting a person to the facility or home, determine if the person: (1) Has had a cough for more than 3 weeks; (2) Has a cough which is productive; (3) Has blood in his sputum; (4) Has a fever which is not associated with a cold, flu or other apparent illness; (5) Is experiencing night sweats; (6) Is experiencing unexplained weight loss; or (7) Has been in close contact with a person who has active tuberculosis. (b) Within 24 hours after a person, including a person with a history of bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG) vaccination, is admitted to the facility or home, ensure that the person has a tuberculosis screening test, unless there is not a person qualified to administer the test in the facility or home when the patient is admitted. If there is not a person qualified to administer the test in the facility or home when the person is admitted, the staff of the facility or home shall ensure that the test is performed within 24 hours after a qualified person arrives at the facility or home or within 5 days after the patient is admitted, whichever is sooner. (c) If the person has only completed the first step of a two-step Mantoux tuberculin skin test within the 12 months preceding admission, ensure that the person has a second two-step Mantoux | Y 936 | | | |

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| Y 936 | Continued From page 5 tuberculin skin test or other single-step tuberculosis screening test. After a person has had an initial tuberculosis screening test, the facility or home shall ensure that the person has a single tuberculosis screening test annually thereafter, unless the medical director or his designee or another licensed physician determines that the risk of exposure is appropriate for a lesser frequency of testing and documents that determination. The risk of exposure and corresponding frequency of examination must be determined by following the guidelines as adopted by reference in paragraph (h) of subsection 1 of NAC 441A.200. 3. A person with a documented history of a positive tuberculosis screening test is exempt from skin testing and routine annual chest radiographs, but the staff of the facility or home shall ensure that the person is evaluated at least annually for the presence or absence of symptoms of tuberculosis. 4. If the staff of the facility or home determines that a person has had a cough for more than 3 weeks and that he has one or more of the other symptoms described in paragraph (a) of subsection 2, the person may be admitted to the facility or home if the staff keeps the person in respiratory isolation in accordance with the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as adopted by reference in paragraph (h) of subsection 1 of NAC 441A.200 until a health care provider determines whether the person has active tuberculosis. If the staff is not able to keep the person in respiratory isolation, the staff shall not admit the person until a health care provider determines that the person does not have active tuberculosis. 5. If a test or evaluation indicates that a person has suspected or active tuberculosis, the staff of the facility or home shall not admit the person to | Y 936 | | | |

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| Y 936 | <p>Continued From page 6</p> <p>the facility or home or, if he has already been admitted, shall not allow the person to remain in the facility or home, unless the facility or home keeps the person in respiratory isolation. The person must be kept in respiratory isolation until a health care provider determines that the person does not have active tuberculosis or certifies that, although the person has active tuberculosis, he is no longer infectious. A health care provider shall not certify that a person with active tuberculosis is not infectious unless the health care provider has obtained not less than three consecutive negative sputum AFB smears which were collected on separate days.</p> <p>6. If a test indicates that a person who has been or will be admitted to a facility or home has active tuberculosis, the staff of the facility or home shall ensure that the person is treated for the disease in accordance with the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the counseling of, and effective treatment for, a person having active tuberculosis. The recommendations are set forth in the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as adopted by reference in paragraph (g) of subsection 1 of NAC 441A.200.</p> <p>7. The staff of the facility or home shall ensure that counseling and preventive treatment are offered to each person with a positive tuberculosis screening test in accordance with the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as adopted by reference in paragraph (h) of subsection 1 of NAC 441A.200.</p> <p>8. The staff of the facility or home shall ensure that any action carried out pursuant to this section and the results thereof are documented in the person ' s medical record.</p> <p>(Added to NAC by Bd. of Health, eff. 1-24-92; A 3-28-96; R084-06, 7-14-2006)</p> | Y 936 | | | |

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| Y 936 | Continued From page 7 Based on record review the facility failed to ensure that a tuberculin screening test was provided in accordance to NAC 441A for 1 of 7 residents (Resident #5). Findings include: Record review Resident #5 Resident #5 was admitted to the facility on 4/6/07. There was no documented evidence of an annual tuberculin screening testing. The most recent documentation of tuberculin screening testing was 4/1/07, negative results. Severity: 2 Scope: 1 | Y 936 | | |
| YA106 SS=F | 449.200(1)(2)(3)Personnel Files NAC 449.200 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a separate personnel file must be kept for each member of the staff of a facility and must include: (a) The name, address, telephone number and social security number of the employee; (b) The date on which the employee began his employment at the residential facility; (c) Records relating to the training received by the employee; (d) The health certificates required pursuant to chapter 441 of NAC for the employee; (e) Evidence that the references supplied by the employee were checked by the residential facility; and (f) Evidence of compliance with NRS 449.176 to 449.185, inclusive. 2. The personnel file for a caregiver of a residential facility must include, in addition to the | YA106 | | |

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| YA106 | <p>Continued From page 8</p> <p>information required to subsection 1: (a) A certificate stating that the caregiver is currently certified to perform first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and (b) Proof that the caregiver is 18 years of age or older.</p> <p>3. The administrator may keep the personnel files for the facility in a locked cabinet and may, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, restrict access to this cabinet by other employees of this facility. Copies of the documents which are evidence that an employee has been certified to perform first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation and that the employee has been tested for tuberculosis must be available for review at all times. The administrator shall make the personnel files available for inspection by the Bureau within 72 hours after the Bureau requests to review the files.</p> <p>This Regulation is not met as evidenced by: NRS 449.176 1. Each applicant for a license to operate a facility for intermediate care, facility for skilled nursing or residential facility for groups shall submit to the central repository for Nevada records of criminal history two complete sets of fingerprints for submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for its report. 2. The central repository for Nevada records of criminal history shall determine whether the applicant has been convicted of a crime listed in paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 449.188</p> | YA106 | | |

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| YA106 | <p>Continued From page 9</p> <p>and immediate inform the administrator of the facility, if any, and the health division of whether the applicant has been convicted of such a crime.</p> <p>NRS 449.179</p> <p>1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, within 10 days after hiring an employee or entering into a contract with an independent contractor, the administrator of, or the person licensed to operate, an agency to provide nursing in the home a facility for intermediate care, a facility for skilled nursing or a residential facility for groups shall: (a) obtain a written statement from the employee or independent contractor stating whether he has been convicted of any crime listed in NRS 449.188; (b) Obtain an oral and written confirmation of the information contained in the written statement obtained pursuant to paragraph (a); (c) Obtain from the employee or independent contractor two sets of fingerprints and a written authorization to forward the fingerprints to the central repository for Nevada records of criminal history for submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for its report; and (d) Submit to the central repository for Nevada records of criminal history the fingerprints obtained pursuant to paragraph (c).</p> <p>2. The administrator of, or the person licensed to operate, an agency to provide nursing in the home, a facility for intermediate care, a facility for skilled nursing or a residential facility for groups is not required to obtain the information described in subsection 1 from an employee or independent contractor who provides proof that an investigation of his criminal history has been conducted by the central repository for Nevada records of criminal history with in the immediately preceding 6 months and the investigation did not indicate that the employee or independent contractor had been convicted of any crime set</p> | YA106 | | | |

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| YA106 | Continued From page 10 forth in NRS 449.188. 3. The administrator of, or the person licensed to operate, an agency to provide nursing in the home, a facility for intermediate care, a facility for skilled nursing or a residential facility for groups shall ensure that the criminal history of each employee or independent contractor who works at the agency or facility is investigated at least every 5 years. The administrator of person shall: (a) If the agency or facility does not have the fingerprints of the employee or independent contractor on file, obtain two sets of fingerprints from the employee or independent contractor; (b) Obtain written authorization from the employee or independent contractor to forward the fingerprints on file or obtained pursuant to paragraph (a) to the central repository for Nevada records of criminal history for submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for its report; and (c) Submit the fingerprints to the central repository for Nevada records of criminal history. 4. Upon receiving fingerprints submitted pursuant to this section, the central repository for Nevada records of criminal history shall determine whether the employee or independent contractor has been convicted of a crime listed in NRS 449.188 and immediately inform the health division and the administrator of, or the person licensed to operate, the agency or facility at which the person works whether the employee or independent contractor has been convicted of such a crime. 5. The central repository for Nevada records of criminal history may impose a fee upon an agency or a facility that submits fingerprints pursuant to this section for the reasonable cost of the investigation. The agency or facility may recover from the employee or independent contractor not more than one-half of the fee imposed by the central repository. If the agency | YA106 | | | |

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| YA106 | <p>Continued From page 11</p> <p>or facility requires the employee or independent contractor to pay for any part of the fee imposed by the central repository, it shall allow the employee or independent contractor to pay the amount through periodic payments.</p> <p>NRS 449.182 Each agency to provide nursing in the home, facility for intermediate care, facility for skilled nursing and residential facility for groups shall maintain accurate records of the information concerning its employees and independent contractors collected pursuant to NRS 449.179, and shall maintain a copy of the fingerprints submitted to the central repository for its report. These records must be made available for inspection by the health division at any reasonable time and copies thereof must be furnished to the health division upon request.</p> <p>NRS 449.185</p> <p>1. Upon receiving information from the central repository for Nevada records of criminal history pursuant to NRS 449.179, or evidence from any other source, that an employee or independent contractor of an agency to provide nursing in the home, a facility for intermediate care, a facility for skilled nursing or a residential facility for groups has been convicted of a crime listed in paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 449.188, the administrator of, or the person licensed to operate, the agency or facility shall terminate the employment or contract of that person after allowing him time to correct the information as required pursuant to subsection 2.</p> <p>2. If the employee or independent contractor believes that the information provided by the central repository is incorrect, he may immediately inform the agency or facility. An agency or facility that is so informed shall give the employee or independent contractor a reasonable</p> | YA106 | | | |

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| YA106 | <p>Continued From page 12</p> <p>amount of time of not less than 30 days to correct the information received from the central repository before terminating employment or contract of the person pursuant to subsection 1.</p> <p>3. An agency or facility that has complied with NRS 449.179 may not be held civilly or criminally liable based solely upon the ground that the agency or facility allowed an employee or independent contractor to work;</p> <p>(a) Before it received the information concerning the employee or independent contractor from the central repository;</p> <p>(b) During any period required pursuant to subsection 2 to allow the employee or independent contractor to correct that information;</p> <p>(c) Based on the information received from the central repository, if the information received from the central repository was inaccurate; or</p> <p>(d) Any combination thereof.</p> <p>An agency or facility may be held liable for any other conduct determined to be negligent or unlawful.</p> <p>NRS 449.188</p> <p>1. In addition to the grounds listed in NRS 449.160, the health division may deny a license to operate a facility for intermediate care, facility for skilled nursing or residential facility for groups to an applicant or may suspend or revoke the license of a licensee to operate such a facility if:</p> <p>(a) The applicant or licensee has been convicted of:</p> <p>(1) Murder, voluntary manslaughter or mayhem;</p> <p>(2) Assault with intent to kill or to commit sexual assault or mayhem;</p> <p>(3) Sexual assault, statutory sexual seduction, incest, lewdness, indecent exposure or any other sexually related crime;</p> <p>(4) Abuse or neglect of a child or contributory</p> | YA106 | | |

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| YA106 | <p>Continued From page 13</p> <p>delinquency;</p> <p>(5) A violation of any federal or state law regulating the possession, distribution or use of any controlled substance or any dangerous drug as defined in chapter 454 of NRS, within the past 7 years;</p> <p>(6) A violation of any provision of NRS 200.50955 or 200.5099;</p> <p>(7) Any offense involving fraud, theft, embezzlement, burglary, robbery, fraudulent conversion or misappropriation of property, within the preceding 7 years; or</p> <p>(8) Any other felony involving the use of a firearm or other deadly weapon, within the immediately preceding 7 years; or</p> <p>(b) The licensee has continued to employ a person who has been convicted of a crime listed in paragraph (a).</p> <p>2. In addition to the grounds listed in NRS 449.160, the health division may deny a license to operate an agency to provide nursing in the home to an applicant or may suspend or revoke the license of a licensee to operate such an agency if the licensee has continued to employ a person who has been convicted of a crime listed in paragraph (a) of subsection 1.</p> <p>Sec. 10. NAC 441A.375 is hereby amended to read as follows:</p> <p>441A.375 1. A case having tuberculosis or suspected case considered to have tuberculosis in a medical facility or a facility for the dependent must be managed in accordance with the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as adopted by reference in paragraph (h) of subsection 1 of NAC 441A.200.</p> <p>2. A medical facility, a facility for the dependent or a home for individual residential care shall maintain surveillance of employees of</p> | YA106 | | |

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| YA106 | <p>Continued From page 14</p> <p>the facility or home for tuberculosis and tuberculosis infection. The surveillance of employees must be conducted in accordance with the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for preventing the transmission of tuberculosis in facilities providing health care set forth in the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as adopted by reference in paragraph (h) of subsection 1 of NAC 441A.200.</p> <p>3. Before initial employment, a person employed in a medical facility, a facility for the dependent or a home for individual residential care shall have a:</p> <p>(a) Physical examination or certification from a licensed physician that the person is in a state of good health, is free from active tuberculosis and any other communicable disease in a contagious stage; and</p> <p>(b) Tuberculosis screening test within the preceding 12 months, including persons with a history of bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG) vaccination.</p> <p>If the employee has only completed the first step of a 2-step Mantoux tuberculin skin test within the preceding 12 months, then the second step of the 2-step Mantoux tuberculin skin test or other single-step tuberculosis screening test must be administered. A single annual tuberculosis screening test must be administered thereafter, unless the medical director of the facility or his designee or another licensed physician determines that the risk of exposure is appropriate for a lesser frequency of testing and documents that determination. The risk of exposure and corresponding frequency of examination must be determined by following the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as adopted by reference in paragraph (h) of subsection 1 of NAC 441A.200.</p> | YA106 | | | |

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| YA106 | <p>Continued From page 15</p> <p>4. An employee with a documented history of a positive tuberculosis screening test is exempt from screening with skin tests or chest radiographs unless he develops symptoms suggestive of tuberculosis.</p> <p>5. A person who demonstrates a positive tuberculosis screening test administered pursuant to subsection 3 shall submit to a chest radiograph and medical evaluation for active tuberculosis.</p> <p>6. Counseling and preventive treatment must be offered to a person with a positive tuberculosis screening test in accordance with the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as adopted by reference in paragraph (g) of subsection 1 of NAC 441A.200.</p> <p>7. A medical facility shall maintain surveillance of employees for the development of pulmonary symptoms. A person with a history of tuberculosis or a positive tuberculosis screening test shall report promptly to the infection control specialist, if any, or to the director or other person in charge of the medical facility if the medical facility has not designated an infection control specialist, when any pulmonary symptoms develop. If symptoms of tuberculosis are present, the employee shall be evaluated for tuberculosis.</p> <p>Based on review of employee records, the facility failed to provide a complete personnel file with mandatory information for 3 of 4 employees (Employee #2, #3, #4).</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>Record Review</p> <p>Employee #2</p> | YA106 | | |

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| YA106 | <p>Continued From page 16</p> <p>Employee #2 has been employed as a relief caregiver since June, 1998. There was no documentation of an initial 2-step tuberculin skin test. There was no documented evidence of fingerprinting results every 5 years in accordance with NAC 449.188(3). (The most recent documented fingerprinting results were dated 9/10/99, negative results.)</p> <p>Employee #3</p> <p>Employee #3 was employed as a caregiver on 12/1/05. There was no documentation of an initial 2-step Mantoux tuberculin skin test. (The only documented tuberculin skin tests were a 1-step Mantoux tuberculin skin test dated 12/17/05, 7 mm (positive) results, and a 1-step Mantoux tuberculin skin test dated 11/4/07, 0 mm results.) There was no documented evidence of fingerprinting results from the Nevada Repository.</p> <p>Employee #4</p> <p>Employee #4 was employed as a caregiver on 12/1/05. There was no documented evidence of fingerprinting results from the Nevada Repository.</p> <p>Severity: 2 Scope: 3</p> | YA106 | | |

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